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Recreational Red Snapper Season Closes November 1

BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources has ordered the closing of the recreational red snapper (*Lutjanus campechanus*) season in Mississippi territorial waters at 12:01 a.m., Monday, November 1, 2004. The National Marine Fisheries Service has determined the recreational quota for red snapper has been harvested. The recreational quota for red snapper is 4.47 million pounds.

The closing of the recreational red snapper fishing season is issued under the authority of Section 49-15-15 (1) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, and order of the Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the State by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at www.dmr.state.ms.us.